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## ITEMS FOR TAXATION.

### Gasoline, Autos, Real Estate Transfers, Cigarettes and Tobacco to Bear Burden for Soldier Bonus.

A measure being seriously considered for the raising of funds to pay the soldier bonus, includes a tax on gasoline, automobiles, real estate transfers, transfers of stocks and bonds, admission tickets to entertainments, cigarettes and tobacco. The bill now proposed includes the following program:

One cent a gallon on gasoline, estimated to yield \$70,000,000.

Twenty-five cents per horsepower on automobiles—\$50,000,000.

Five dollars per \$1000 on real estate transfers—\$20,000,000.

Increased documentary stamps with the rate on the transfer of stocks and bonds at one-tenth of one per cent—\$64,000,000.

Double the present ten per cent tax on admission where the charge exceeds 25 cents—\$50,000,000.

An increase of 50 cents a thousand on cigarettes—\$25,000,000.

An increase of two cents on chewing and smoking tobacco—\$5,000,000.

### President Signs Debt Funding Bill

President Harding signed the administration foreign debt funding bill which now becomes a law and authorizes the President to proceed to the appointment of a World War debt commission of five members to negotiate the terms under which the United States will collect the eleven billion dollars owed the government by foreign governments.

### Farmers Win.

The farmer and his Henry won a victory when the State Automobile Department finally defined the new automobile law so that the farmer may use his car occasionally for having any kind of wares, providing it is not done for profit. It undoubtedly was the original intention to squeeze an extra five dollars out of many automobile users, but it appears there was too much rebelling, consequently the liberal ruling which is entirely contrary to the intent of the law itself.

There are some wonderful characters at Harrisburg who make and in some instances define the laws. For instance, an auditor general has ruled that no report of the state's expenditures need be made and none have been made for several years. It is known that the state is bankrupt, but it cannot be shown unless you accept as proof the fact that school districts must close their schools because they are unable to get the money due them from the state.

### Letter from Texas.

The following letter is from Dr. R. J. Miller, husband of Miss Elizabeth Saunders, formerly of Centre Hall:

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 7, 1922

Editor Centre Reporter:

Enclosed find check which should again put us back in good standing. Your paper is a welcome visitor though way down here in the south-west. All the folks are enjoying the best of health. In the midst of your snow we are enjoying the finest of spring weather. Sunday was a most splendid day. Monday morning early, we had a sudden drop in temperature and within an hour we had our first snow of the year. Of course, within a few hours our snow was gone and we were again back to our sunny South. Today (Thursday) has been another of those most splendid days. Doors and windows all open and the children playing out on the lawn.

After being here six months, more or less, we are becoming accustomed to corn bread and molasses, hot biscuits and black-eyed peas, etc. We are looking forward to making a motor tour North during the summer.

With best regards and kind remembrances to all the folks, from us all, I am,

Sincerely,

(Dr.) RAYMOND J. MILLER,

Assoc. Prof. of Pharmacology and

Physiological Chemistry.

### Letter from "Old Virginy."

Flinneywood, Va., Feb. 2, 1922

Dear Mr. Smith:

I will send a few lines of the Reporter through you, mostly to tell you what kind of weather we are having here. Well, we have an old-time snow here, eighteen inches in depth, and now it is raining. Snow fell for about forty-four hours, and this section has not seen the like of it in twenty years. No mail for two days.

I have been working every day, and am well. With best regards to all about Centre Hall, I remain,

Yours truly,

CHARLES STUMP.

Everybody who tries Tanlac has something good to say about it—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

## GRANGERS HONOR MEMBER.

### Eighty-third Birthday of Charter Member of Progress Grange Celebrated Friday Evening.

Progress Grange, one of the most active Granges in Centre county, on Friday evening, honored the only charter member now connected with the order by arranging a special program in Grange Arcadia. The occasion was the eighty-third anniversary of John J. Arney, who was the first Master of Progress Grange after its organization in February of 1874. While there are two other persons living who were charter members of this organization, they have not been active members for some years.

The Friday evening meeting of Progress Grange was a regular session, arranged purposely for the occasion, yet its purpose was unsuspected by the member it was planned to surprise. When the session was called to order by Master Clarence Musser there were only about the usual number of members present, but when the doors were thrown open after the routine work had been disposed of, the large assembly room was filled by those who had waited the signal on the outside.

Addresses fitting the occasion were made by the master and several members, also by Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, an invited guest. A large birthday cake with eighty-three tiny candles was presented Mr. Arney, and while the orchestra played, the candles were lighted and furnished the only illumination during that period.

After this part of the program was completed the scene shifted to the first floor of Grange Arcadia, where a number of ladies had most beautifully spread several long tables with the choicest products of the farm. There was a great abundance of food, and for the time being everyone forgot all the ills of the old world and entered into the full enjoyment of it.

Later the young people, who, by the way, surprised a large proportion of those present, engaged in playing various games, and during this time the Reiber orchestra was giving a real treat in the performance of a number of fine musical selections.

Following is a list of charter members of Progress Grange:

J. J. Arney, James A. Keller, Ephraim Keller, Dr. Peter Smith, G. M. Boal, Leonard Rhone, Lafayette Neff, Jas. A. Lingle, Samuel Crozier, John B. Bitner, Daniel Wilson, U. D. Osman, George Hoffer, Thomas Lingle, A. H. Hosterman, James McCormick, David Rhinesmith, Daniel Fleisher, William A. Boal, Maggie Rhone, Maggie E. Keller, Mary A. Neff, Sallie J. Arney, Sarah Sankey, Susan M. Hoffer, Mary J. Rhinesmith, Barbara Bitner, Lottie Keller.

### Sneak Enters House.

Sunday night some one left the Clyde E. Dutrow home at full speed and did not slacken his pace when several shots were fired at him, aimed to hit. Claude Dutrow was the only member of the Dutrow family at home Saturday night, and it appears he did not get in until about midnight. He locked the doors after him and went up stairs. After entering his room he heard a bit of noise on the first floor and then soon distinctly heard an outer door open and close and then a bang of the screen door. Young Dutrow immediately grabbed a revolver, ran to a window where he supposed he could get the best view, threw up the sash and then saw a man running at full speed away from the house. He shot to hit, but so far as he knows he failed to hit his mark.

Examination throughout the house failed to find anything disturbed. The dead latch turned on the door through which young Dutrow had entered had been thrown back and egress made through that door.

### Will Speak on Near East Relief.

Dr. Talcott Williams and Lieutenant Connes will speak in the interest of the Near East Relief in the court house, Bellefonte, Saturday night at 8:30 and in the Auditorium at State College Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

will be observed in the LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30

The pastor will preach on the subject, "GEORGE WASHINGTON AND HIS RELIGION."

All without church homes are welcome to worship with us.

REV. M. C. DRUM  
Pastor.

## LETTER FROM PERSIA.

### W. Ned Keller Describes Interesting Tour Through That Country.—Now Back in Armenia Directing Relief Work.

Reporter readers will delight reading another of W. Ned Keller's interesting letters from across the Atlantic ocean. The letter has come to us from his mother, Mrs. J. W. Keller, of Linden Hall.

Tabriz, Persia, Nov. 28, 1921.

Dear Mother:—Needless to say, I am having a most wonderful time here in Tabriz. I should love to spend several months here if such a thing were possible. I wrote a hurried letter to you a few days ago on my way down here from Armenia and sent it back to Constantinople with our representative Mr. Jacquith, telling you that I was on my way to Persia, having been sent on business as well as a pleasure trip. There are eight of us (Americans). We traveled in a box car, fitted up with a stove and food for the trip. We arrived here last Friday night and not knowing the place we decided to sleep in the car for the night. The missionaries here in Tabriz heard of our coming. Mr. Gifford came to the station to meet us and invited us to his home. The missionaries and the English people here made preparations for our entertainment and never was I treated with more cordiality. We all carried letters of introduction to the high officials. They certainly know how to entertain. We are having a very pleasant time.

Erivan, Armenia,  
December 19, 1921.

Have returned after spending three weeks in Persia. Had a delightful time; it sure was fun riding camels and going sight-seeing. It is a wonderful country. We all enjoyed the trip. After the strenuous grind we have been under during the past several months we all feel a lot better, for really we were all about on the verge of a nervous breakdown. I only realize what a vacation meant after taking the trip. The work appears a lot lighter now. Our work is enlarging every day. I wish the American people could get a picture of what their money is doing over here. The conditions are terrible and no doubt there will be much suffering during the winter. The government is in a most deplorable condition. In fact the whole population of Armenia is suffering from lack of foodstuff and words cannot describe the poverty of the country. At present we have over 5000 orphans in our twelve orphanages and eight hospitals. Then too we have a bread line where we feed over a thousand children every day. These are taken care of in this way because there are no buildings to put them in. They sleep on the streets and in the parks. We are also looking after several hundred families who were left to do before the Bolshevik Government came in and now they are trying to live on the small amount of food we can give them. During the past few months there has been a great pilgrimage of refugees from Russia and Turkey to Erivan and it is up to us to look after them. At present we are feeding and clothing over 5000 refugees. The Government has six orphanages of their own and while they have but 500 children yet they are unable to care for this small number. They are begging us to take them over. I am proud of our wood supply for last winter they did not have any wood to keep the buildings warm and you can imagine the suffering they had. Now we have enough wood on hand to supply the twelve orphanages, eight hospitals, Central school, Industrial School, weaving factory and soup kitchen until April 15th. We were short of beds for the orphanages and no material on hand to make them, so I put up a notice around the city that we would exchange boards for old clothing and in a few days many people could be seen strolling toward the Near East Relief with boards on their shoulders. Anyone who could find a board of any size came to exchange it for old clothes. In less than a week we had enough boards to make 450 double beds. Before this the children had to sleep on mattresses on the floor. It fell to my lot to keep the buildings in repair, and not being an engineer, you can imagine the task before me. Remember, many of the buildings are nothing but four walls—no windows, no doors, no furniture, no store rooms of any kind—and yet when the Government turns over a building to us they feel they are doing us a great favor. As soon as we get possession of one we get a squad of workmen busy cleaning it and whitewash the walls, and build a kitchen, out of mud. While they are doing that we are getting the supplies ready—beds, bedding, tables, clay bowls, wooden spoons, clothing and many other things. Then

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## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Will Convene at Tyrone March 15 to 22.—Bible Story Contest for Winners of Teen Age Contests a Chief Attraction.

The final teen age story telling contest which has been conducted in local churches, groups and districts, will be held between the winners of the Altoona, Harrisburg, Sunbury and Williamsport district contests, at Tyrone, March 16th, during the week of the Annual Conference. The contest will be put on in connection with the joint anniversaries of the Boards of Epworth League and Sunday Schools. Bishop McDowell will also bring greetings, Dr. William S. Bovard, corresponding secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, and Dr. C. E. Guthrie, general secretary of the Board of Epworth League, will deliver addresses.

The plan for the contest is: The contest in the local church to be held among teen agers—13 to 18 years of age—before February 23rd. A Sub-district Group contest for winners of local church contests to be held on Saturday, February 25th, at one o'clock; the district contests to be held at Altoona, Harrisburg, Sunbury and Williamsport, Saturday, March 4th, and the final contest at Tyrone, March 16th. Suitable prizes will be given to the winners.

### The First National Bank.

A second preliminary meeting of those interested in the establishment of a National Bank in Centre Hall, was held Thursday forenoon of last week. The chief item of business transacted was the appointment of a committee of five to represent the stockholders in the transaction of several items of business connected with the formation of the bank. Almost one-half the stock was subscribed by the parties then at the meeting and since the amount has been materially increased. The maximum amount of shares one may hold is five, the purpose being to make as wide a distribution as possible. It is certain the stock will be sold in a very brief time. If you are interested, see one of the parties named below: Daniel Daup, L. Frank Mayes, R. M. Smith, Thomas Delaney, C. F. Weininger.

### Democrats to Get-to-Gether.

The Democratic county committee has arranged a Get-to-Gether Meeting and Banquet for Tuesday evening, February 21st, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Brockerhoff House. Of necessity the number of participants will be limited, owing the lack of large capacity to serve. It is arranged that men and women of national reputation will be present and address the gathering on the principles for which the party stands.

### Cows Wanted.

Wanted—fresh cows or close springers. Call Bell telephone office, Centre Hall, or home of M. L. Emerick, and arrangements will be made to purchase cows. In my absence there will be a reliable person on the field to do the buying.—C. D. Mitterling.

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Mrs. Sutton goes out on the street and picks out about 250 children or as many as we can care for in that building. They are in rags and dirty. As can be we have them take a bath, their hair cut and clean clothes given them. Imagine what it means to these poor children who have no parents and who have lived for months on the streets picking up scraps or stealing anything they can find in order to live.

January 3rd, 1922.

I have been too busy to write as I had intended but will now add a few more lines to tell you how we spent Christmas over here. Dr. Ushess, who has been carrying on the missionary work here for twenty years, invited us to his home Christmas eve and had dinner for us. There were fifteen Americans present. We had a very pleasant time. Christmas morning at 6:30 several hundred orphans gathered out side of our house and sang several Christmas carols for us. During the day we received many calls. After dark we started to put off some fireworks and in a few minutes the streets were crowded with people. Word had gone to the Bolo officials that the Americans were being killed. In a short time the guards arrived heavily armed. They did not understand that we were celebrating and told us to stop as we had not received a permit to celebrate. After having a good laugh to ourselves we spent the rest of the evening in the house. The next day we were at work as usual and planning how we would spend New Year's Day.

I will close for this time; will write again soon as I have time and will tell you more about my wonderful trip to Persia.

Kind regards to all my friends. As ever, your boy,

NED.

## An Excellent Literary Program.

A program replete with many extraordinarily good features was offered by the schools of Centre Hall in the Grange hall last Thursday evening. All the four schools—from the primary to the High school—took an active part. The exercises were principally of a patriotic character, in commemoration of the two great Americans—Washington and Lincoln—whose birthdays occur in February. The primary school children sang suitable songs; the intermediate school produced an interesting exercise touching on the life of George Washington. It was a "quiz" in which one member of the school assumed the role of teacher, asking here several scholars to tell things in the life of the great man. The grammar school scholars rendered a flag drill which showed most careful training.

The most interesting feature of the evening's entertainment was an oratorical contest, engaged in by pupils of the grammar school and those of the freshman class of the High school. The contests were arranged in three groups—the pupils of the sixth grade in one class; pupils of the seventh and eighth grades in another, and the High school freshmen still in another. The former two recited poems, while the latter group delivered orations. The teachers of the Vocational School at Spring Mills were the judges. The winners are named in the program printed below. The judges declared it to have been a hard matter to award first, second and third places, so good were the efforts of the youngsters. This was especially true of the contestants in the freshman class, where it is quite possible any other group of judges would have reversed the order of excellence, so equally good were the deliveries of Agnes Geary, Ruth Bingman and Paul Smith, who captured first, second and third prizes, respectively. The speaking, as a whole, was far above the average for school children, and Prof. Gehr of Spring Mills took occasion to admit this truth prior to giving the judges' decisions.

The following was the program rendered:

Flag salute.

Singing "America."

First contest—6th grade pupils:

"The First Snowfall"—Elizabeth Bradford (second prize).

"King Bruce and the Spider"—Beulah Bingman (first prize).

Song by primary school.

Second contest—7th and 8th grade:

"Barbara Pritchie"—Miriam Moore—(first prize).

"The Death of the Flowers"—Ruth Grove.

"The Garden of Prosperine"—Margaret Alexander—(second prize).

"The Psalm of Life"—Emelyn Brunger.

Exercise by Intermediate school.

Singing, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

Third contest—H. S. freshmen:

"The Knotted Rope"—Paul Smith—(third prize).

"The Father of Our Country"—Florence Zettle.

"The American Flag"—Agnes Geary—(first prize).

"Success"—Charlotte Keller.

"Advancement of Woman"—Ruth Bingman—(second prize).

"The Savior of Our Country"—Isabel Snyder.

Flag drill by Grammar school.

"Star Spangled Banner."

Decision of judges and awarding of prizes.

Songs.

Hiked from Spring Mills to Altoona.

The following appeared in the Altoona Mirror, Thurs. Feb. 9:

A fifty-five mile hike in less than twenty hours was experienced by three young men coming from Spring Mills to this city. The hikers are: Robert Gunsalus of 320 Pottsgrove avenue in this city, John Zettle and Chester Decker, both of Spring Mills.

The trio left Spring Mills early Tuesday morning at 1:05 o'clock, combat by way of Potters Mills, Boalsburg, Seven Stars, Tyrone and up through Bellewood and Juniata, reaching this city shortly after 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night.

The trip was made the entire way on foot, the young men refusing several rides offered them Tuesday while on their way. They made several short stops for refreshments, hiking almost continually. Robert Gunsalus, one of the hikers, whose home is in this city, was formerly employed at Spring Mills.

The young men are now back home, the return trip having been made by street car to Tyrone and by bus from there to State College; the remaining twenty miles to Spring Mills were made on foot.

P. Edward Mersinger, who recently sold his farm, will move onto the Treaster farm along Sinking creek.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The doctors are now telling us that lying too long in bed results in many perilous ills, and it might be added, bills.

The third fox for the season was killed by Roy Smith, of Potters Mills. This makes two greys and one red reynard.

J. W. Foreman, of near Penns Cave, was a pleasant caller at the Reporter office on last Friday, and gave his subscription a substantial boost.

James Saint Claire, now tenant on the Benjamin Kauffman farm near Zion, will follow Andrew C. Hockey as tenant on the Brockerhoff farm, east of Centre Hall.

Hon. Evan J. Jones is advertising through the Republican newspapers his willingness to again serve the "dear people" in the lower branch of the National Congress.

You can't get strong on a weak, limey diet. Tone up your stomach. Eat plenty of nourishing food and build up your system. Tanlac does it.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

John H. Bridel, the hustling young Haines township farmer, will raise the old barn on his farm, north of Fiedler, and build a new modern barn on the same site during the early summer.

The Millintown Lutheran church, now without a pastor, raised the salary from \$1600 to \$2000, which act is believed will materially help the Lord find a pastor called to leave his charge and go there and give his services.

Harry C. Reish, of near Spring Mills, was a business caller at this office on Thursday of last week. Mr. Reish will make sale of his live stock and farming implements on March 6th and thereafter will move to Centre Hall.

Prof. Gehr and Anderson and Miss Mildred Wieland, all instructors in the Gregg Township Vocational School, attended the literary exercises of the local schools in Grange hall, last Thursday evening, and took the part of judges in the oratorical contest.

Thomas A. Moulser, of Bellefonte, the game protector, received thirty ringneck pheasants which he will take in the woods of that vicinity. They are not only a beautiful bird but are larger than those found in this vicinity. If this climate is not too cold for them there will be others brought here.

The appointment of W. L. Swann for postmaster at Millheim was confirmed by the senate. Mr. Swann was the man scheduled for the place from the beginning, but the political machinery seemed to have given a jar and the result was a second civil service examination. Swann was finally landed.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of Bellefonte, who has been so deeply interested and so successfully carried out the sale of Government securities during the war period, and now is selling U. S. War Savings Certificates, has been confined to his house on account of illness during the past two or three weeks.

The Lewistown Gazette would have us to believe that Captain Yoder, of Belleville, owns a hen that lays two eggs a day, and that witnesses can be produced who actually saw the old hen do it. The Reporter has great respect for the truth and veracity of the Amish, but it fears a newspaper may be able to wreck the reputation of a single individual member of the sect.

Penn township (Lycoming county) school directors are in a bad fix. They are out of funds and yet less than five months of the school term is over. Some of the schools are already closed, and as soon as the fifth month of school work has been put in, the remainder of the schools will do the same. There are seven schools in the district. The lack of cash is due to the fact that the school board has not received the state appropriation for 1921, nor any funds for this year.

James H. Potter celebrated the 50th anniversary of his association with the hardware business in Bellefonte, one evening last week, at a banquet held at the Bush House. Mr. Potter is president of the Potter-Hoy hardware company and his associates in business were all participants in the occasion. F. M. Crawford, the secretary-treasurer of the firm, was the toastmaster, and is referred to in the local papers in that town as having filled his place as such in a most satisfactory manner.